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CAMOUFLAGED DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKERS
XOM BANG AMMUNITION DEPOT, NORTH VIETNAM
1707N 10645E

1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THE XOM BANG AMMUNITION DEPOT LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 13 NM WEST OF CHAP LE AND 18 NM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI WAS THE OBJECT OF AN AIRSTRIKE BY USAF PLANES ON 2 MARCH 1965. THE DEPOT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE HAD A CAPACITY OF 5,000 METRIC TONS -- ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S STORED AMMUNITION. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING THE 325TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE 270TH INDEPENDENT INFANTRY REGIMENT, THE DEPOT ALSO SERVICES VIET CONG ELEMENTS AND POSSIBLY COMMUNIST FORCES IN LAOS.

2. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF

REVEALS AN AMMUNITION DEPOT 0.5 NM NORTH OF XOM BANG. THE INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF TWO STORAGE AREAS AND A SUPPORT AREA. ONE OF THE STORAGE AREAS, AREA C (SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), CONTAINS FOUR EARTH-COVERED, DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKERS. EACH BUNKER IS ROAD-SERVED AND HEAVILY COVERED BY LIVE VEGETATION. THOUGH CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA, NO DAMAGE IS APPARENT TO ANY OF THE BUNKERS.

3. THIS AREA HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN COVERED BY NUMEROUS LUCKY DRAGON, AND TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS.

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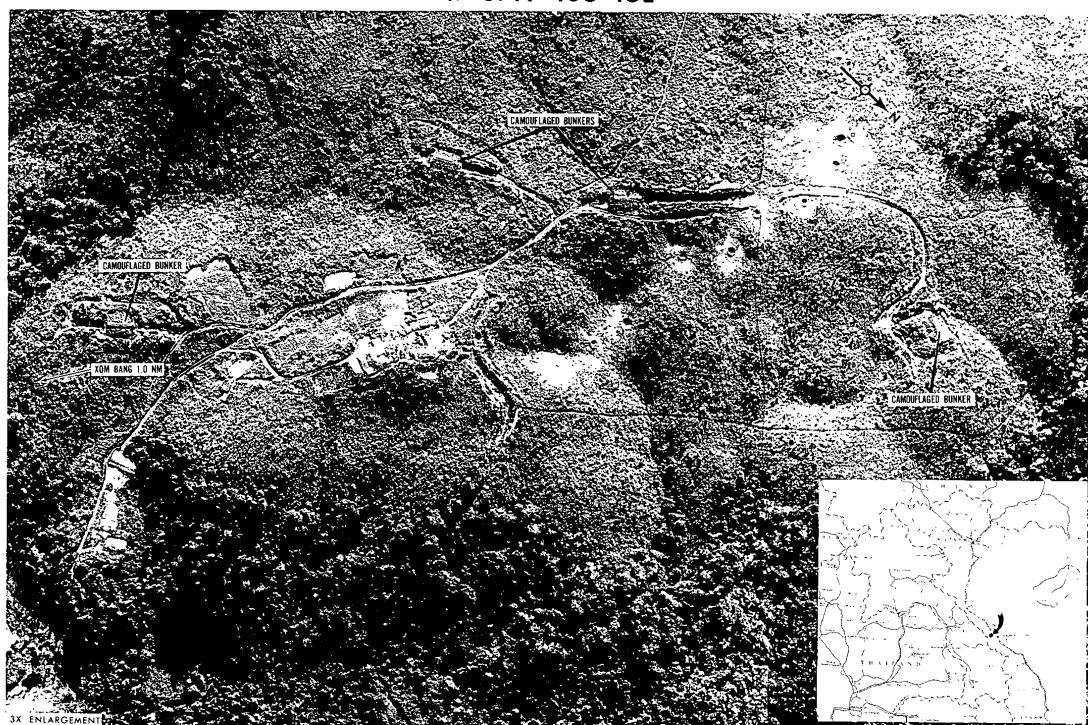
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